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Re: Docket Numbers: 98N-1230, 96P-0418, 97P-0197

Dear FDA:

I am writing you today about the forced molting practice of hens. Forced molting is so stressful it destroys the hens' immune system, predisposing the birds and their eggs to salmonella poison. The FDA must do more than simply put bacteria warning labels on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures.

Perhaps prohibiting forced molting should be the way to go. Forced molting has been scientifically shown to promote disease. The FDA has the jurisdiction to ban farm practices, such as this one, that may injure human health. It is up to you to stop the spread of the disease.

The cruelty to animals and the contamination are linked. Thank you for your attention to this.

Sincerely,

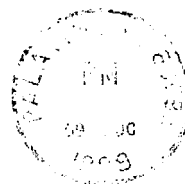


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